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SUBJECT: DELIBERATION OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NACC)

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1. VERNON MENDIS, SRI LANA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER IN
LONDON AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE
HELD PRESS BRIEFING EVENING AUGUST 10. THIS IS
APPARENTLY FIRST OF PLANNED PRESS BRIEFINGS ON
CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD EACH EVENING AT 7:00
P.M.

2. MENDIS CLAIMED THAT NACC HAD COMPLETED MORE THAN
50 PERCENT OF ITS WORK AND WOULD HAVE TO FINISH ITS
WORK BY 1:00 P.M. AUGUST 11, PRIOR TO START
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 4:00
P.M. SAME DAY. HE ALSO SAID NACC WAS SPENDING MOST OF
ITS TIME ON AGENDA ITEM REGARDING THE COMPOSITION AND
MANDATE OF THE NACC. IN THIS REGARD, SPOKESMAN SAID
THERE ARE FOUR POINTS BEING CONSIDERED: (1) EXPANSION
OF MEMBERSHIP OF NACC. (MENDIS SAID THERE WAS CONSENSUS
FOR EXPANSION BUT NUMBERS VARIED FROM 20 TO 35); (2)
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INSURANCE OF CONTINUITY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK (MAKING

CERTAIN THE FOUNDING FATHERS SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, ETC., STAY ON THE NACC); (3) FINDING A MECHANISM FOR ROTATION OF MEMBERSHIP ON NACC; (4) FINDING A FORMULA FOR AN EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. MENDIS ALSO SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT.

3. REGARDING DRAFTING OF DECLARATIONS, AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION, PLAN FOR NACC TO BREAK DOWN INTO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEES (REFTEL) WAS NOT CARRIED THROUGH. CONSIDERATION OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE THROWN INTO FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

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